

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri V. Balamnaidu, Forest Range officer(Retd) formerly worked in Lothugedda Range of Narsipatnam Division, Visakhapatnam Circle - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 2 % cut in pension for a period of two years against the charged officer - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 44

Dated:02-06-2015
Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.23631/2009/K-II/1(i), dt:30-5-2011.
2. Memo. No.3919/For.IV/A1/2011-1, Dated:31-12-2012.
3. From Sri V. Balamnaidu, Forest Range officer(Retd), Explanation dt:21.05.2013.
4. Memo. No.3919/For.IV/A1/2011-3, Dated:26-06-2013.
5. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.23631/2009/K3, dt:14-9-2013.
6. Govt. Memo. No.3919/For.IV/A1/2011, Dated:06-11-2014.
7. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.23631/2009/K3, dt:05-2-2015
8. Govt. Letter No.3919/For.IV/A1/2011, Dated:07-03-2015.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.243/RT/1/2015, dt.9.04.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has reported that, Article of Charges were issued against Sri V. Balamnaidu, Forest Range officer(Retd) formerly worked in Lothugedda Range of Narsipatnam Division, Visakhapatnam Circle, vide Ref.No.27640/2007/ PXA3, dt:11-4-2008, on the following counts:-

Charge-1:- That the said Sri V. Balam Naidu, FRO, Lothugedda has shown gross negligence in discharging legitimate duties resulting deviation in taking short measurements of 5.243 cmt, from (2) Vehicles involved in forest offences. Hence the charge.

Charge-2:- that the said Sri V. Balam Naidu, FRO, Lothugedda has shown gross negligence in discharging legitimate duties resulting loss of Rs.56,628/- towards Revenue to the Government. Hence the charge.

Thus Sri V. Balam Naidu, FRO, Lothugedda has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and exhibited conduct of unbecoming of a Government employee in violation of Rule 3 of APCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively. After conducting the inquiry, the Inquiry officer has furnished his detailed findings concluding that the charge framed against the Charged Officer, that he has taken measurements carelessly is not proved. However, he is responsible for forwarding the lists to the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Chintapalli without verification and hence the charge is proved to that extent only., and the charge (2) i.e., the Government, has sustained a loss of Rs.56,628/- alleged against the Charged Officer, in this article is not proved. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the charged officer and he has not submitted further defense statement.

3) The Charged Officer Sri V. Balamnaidu, Forest Range officer, formerly worked in Lothugedda Range of Narsipatnam Division, Visakhapatnam Circle, retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30-6-2008. Hence the disciplinary proceedings are concluded as per Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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4) Government, after careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the remarks of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, found that, the charge to the extent of forwarding the lists to the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Chintapally without verification is held proved. Hence it is provisionally decided to impose penalty of two (2%) cut in pension for a period of two years against Sri V. Balamnaidu, Forest Range officer(Retd) formerly worked in Lothugedda Range of Narsipatnam Division, Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5) Accordingly a Show Cause Notice was issued to the retired charged officer vide reference 6th cited. The Charged Officer had submitted his explanation to the Show Cause Notice through the reference 7th cited in which he has not put forth any new points.

6) Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of (2) years against Sri V. Balamnaidu, Forest Range officer(Retd) formerly worked in Lothugedda Range of Narsipatnam Division, Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.243/RT/1/2015, dt.9.04.2015).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER